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Dear Paul,

When I was in Washington yesterday, I saw two people of whom I write, each for different reasons.

I hadn't seen Bob Oesterr for a while. He lives near Bud Rothermel, at whose home we were having dinner. By coincidence, yesterday was Bob's last day of work with the business federation. While we were talking about this and some of the people he knows and regularly does business with, it occurred to me that, particularly because of the change of administration, if you need or want anyone in Washington, he should be just about ideal for you. Of course, I have no way of knowing whether you already have someone or whether or not you do. I am taking the liberty of making this suggestion in the event you might not otherwise learn that he may be available (here also I have no knowledge) and in the event you may have such a need or have considered such a new move. We have mutual friends with whom he has done business. They regard him as pleasant and quite competent and liked being with and doing business with him. And he seems to have a good, ongoing relationship with many of the more important people. I do not intend being forward. My thought is that if you have need for the kind of services he can render, I doubt if you could find anyone who would suit your people better if, indeed, as well.

Bud also had Mary Ferrell and Arch Ambrough, two Dallas people researching the assassination, for dinner. I had heard of them but had never met them. They are in Washington working at the Archives. I like them both and formed the firm opinion both are honest and dedicated, without ulterior or selfish motive. They seem to have competently done an enormous labor. Conversation drifted to (ugh!) "Farewell America", and Mary said that while she had the book (I believe an extra copy also if you do not have the printed edition), she has never seen the original manuscript, which had been changed. This, in turn, reminded me that I may not have asked you for a copy of the three parts of it I had and gave you. If it is not too much trouble, when there is time I'd like a copy. She also would like to have or make one. If she is going to compare the two, there could be advantages to both of us in her having it. The changes might be good to know, might have significance.

Happy hunting!

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg